



City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department  
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# ***Adventures to Go...***

## **carefree travel for ages 50 plus**

### **June 2012 Newsletter**

#### **Day Trips**

The Cult of Beauty, June 7  
Salinas Ag-Venture, June 14  
Chukchansi Casino, June 28  
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*NEW!* SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres, September 23

#### **Overnight Trips**

Solvang Getaway, June 19-21  
*NEW!* Mendocino Getaway, October 15-18

**Trip descriptions are listed on the following pages.**  
**Register early! Trips fill quickly. Waitlists available.**  
**All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.**

#### **Let's Talk Travel!**

**Next meeting: June 27, 12:30 p.m.**

**Presentation: Mendocino**

Join us and *Let's Talk Travel!* We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine. Come and learn more about upcoming tours, see travel presentations, or just to talk travel. Santa Clara residents can register for newly released tours following *Let's Talk Travel*. Call (408) 615-3170 for more information.

## Adventures to Go – General Information

**Trip Availability:** All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Register early! Trips fill quickly! Wait lists are created once trips fill; those on the wait list are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

**Senior Center Registration Form:** Travelers are required to complete a Senior Center registration form and sign a liability release each calendar year prior to participation in the *Adventures to Go* travel program.

**Trip Attendance:** Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

### Refund Policy:

- **Day/Extended Trips** – Please choose wisely; refunds will ONLY be given when a replacement can be found from the Senior Center trip wait list or trip is cancelled by the Senior Center.
- **Travel Insurance** – The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance, especially for extended trips. Check online at: <http://www.insuremytrip.com/> or go to any other insurance provider of your choosing.

**Trip/M meal Substitutions:** Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary. Hosted meals may be modified at the discretion of the restaurant.

**Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs:** Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should call the Senior Center office.

**Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off:** Trips leave from and return to the old police station parking lot, near the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Civic Center Drive, in Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. *Please note:* During a trip, if a situation (urgent or non-urgent) arises where you are unable to meet-up with your "travel group" at the pre-designated time and place identified by the tour escort(s), it will be your responsibility and expense to make arrangements to get yourself home. This would also apply to any other traveler who may decide to stay with you. A tour escort is not able to stay behind with you for any situation that may occur.

**Gratuities:** Trip fees include a modest gratuity for the driver of the motor coach and servers at hosted meals. When you experience exceptional service, you may choose to tip an additional amount. City of Santa Clara employees and tour escorts cannot accept gratuities.

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)** – In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable modifications in policies, procedures, and/or practices will be made as necessary to ensure full and equal access and enjoyment of all programs and activities for all individuals with a disability. In order to allow participation by individuals with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity, or related disabilities, please **DO NOT wear scented products** to programs/activities at City facilities. Contact the Santa Clara Senior Center at (408) 615-3170 with accessibility concerns specific to this facility, and the Parks and Recreation office at (408) 615-2260 for accessibility concerns regarding other parks and recreation facilities/programs. For all other ADA questions, contact the City Clerk's office at (408) 615-2220.

## Adventures to Go – Trip Information

**Trip availability can change from day to day. Contact the Senior Center office for registration information, (408) 615-3170.**

**The Cult of Beauty      No. 45987      Thursday, June 7**  
**\$59 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

This exhibit at the Legion of Honor will include pieces from The Victorian Avant-Garde period, 1860-1900. How fitting that this show's only US venue is San Francisco, the land of Victorians. This exhibition celebrates the Victorian Aesthetic Movement whose motto of "art for art's sake" is realized through dazzling examples of paintings, decorative arts, furniture, textiles, and jewelry created by masters such as Dante Gabriel Rossetti, James McNeill Whistler and Edward Burnes-Jones, and designers E.W. Godwin, William Morris, and Christopher Dresser. In the afternoon we'll have free time in Golden Gate Park. Your admission for The Cult of Beauty will also be accepted at the deYoung Museum, where you can purchase lunch or see the exhibit, The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier, for an additional fee. *Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

**Salinas Ag-Venture      No. 45988      Thursday, June 14**  
**\$105 per person**

**Activity level: HIGH – approx. 1 hour drive; long periods of standing with walking on uneven ground. Wear comfortable walking shoes, dress in layers.**

During the summer months, Monterey County vegetable production includes artichokes, broccoli, greenhouse nurseries (ornamental flowers, vegetable transplants), lettuce, cauliflower, spinach, wine grapes, asparagus, kale, green onions, leek and many other crops. This full day tour will include an expert guide who will discuss and answer questions about Monterey County's agriculture industry, otherwise known as the "Salad Bowl of the World." Our day will include a visit to Pezzini Farms, Paraiso Winery for a vineyard walk, wine tasting, and a hosted barbecue lunch. At "The Farm" we will enjoy a wagon ride and receive one bag of farm fresh produce to take home. *Bus leaves promptly at 9:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

**Solvang Getaway      No. 45989      Tuesday, June 19 – Thursday, June 21**  
**Per person: \$500 double occupancy and \$640 single occupancy**  
**Half the fee due at time of registration with balance due April 27.**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 1/2 hour drive to first destination with a short stop along the way. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to travelers prior to the trip.**

We'll get away on a Royal Coach Tours motor coach and enjoy two-night luxury accommodations at the lavish boutique Hotel Corque located in the heart of the quaint Danish village of Solvang. Offering the best in comfort, luxury, and relaxation, the hotel is located within easy walking distance to the local shops, restaurants, wine tasting bars, and bakeries, and offers a continuous 24-hour shuttle service to and from the fabulous Chumash Casino. Trip highlights include a guided tour of Solvang and the Old Mission Santa Ines, a \$25 Free Play voucher at Chumash Casino, and visits to Quicksilver Miniature Horse Ranch and Osterichland. There will be free evening in Solvang to enjoy the Street Faire and free time in Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo. Hosted meals include a welcome banquet dinner on the night of arrival and a lunch at Anderson's Pea Soup. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 AM on Tuesday and returns at approximately 7:00 PM on Thursday.*

## Smile!

The City of Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to photograph and/or video tape department activities and participants for brochures or other publicity.

**Chukchansi Casino    No. 46023    Thursday, June 28**

**\$40 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

Enjoy a 5-hour stay at Chukchansi in Coarsegold, one of the most exciting gaming destinations in California. Receive a casino bonus of \$10 EZ play and a \$5 food credit; bonuses subject to change without notice. Please remember your valid photo ID to collect any bonuses, winnings, or rewards. *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

**Day In Sausalito    No. 46024    Tuesday, July 10**

**\$41 per person**

**OPTIONAL: Spinnaker Luncheon    No. 46025    Additional \$48 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

Sit back and relax as we travel over the Golden Gate Bridge to the charming waterfront community of Sausalito. We'll arrive around 11:00 AM – in time for a no-host lunch at a restaurant or deli of your choice or an optional 3 course hosted lunch at the famous Spinnaker Restaurant. Entrée choices include Petrale Sole or Piquant Chiciken Breasts Sauté. If you prefer, you may bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the park. There will be plenty of free time for a leisure stroll and visit to the unique shops, art galleries, and/or marinas of this quaint Mediterranean-style village. Please note: There is a separate fee for the lunch at the Spinnaker Restaurant; you must register in advance. *Bus leaves promptly at 9:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

**Shadowbrook & Annieglass Studio    No. 46026    Friday, July 20**

**\$96 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

Enjoy a hosted lunch at the Shadowbrook, located beside lush Soquel Creek in Capitola-by-the-Sea. We'll take the quaint cable car or meandering garden path to the restaurant that has provided world-class service and fine food in an atmosphere of Old-World charm and grace since 1947. After lunch we'll travel to Watsonville to visit Annieglass, recognized by the most prestigious names in the artistic, entertainment, and hospitality industries. Annieglass is sold at luxury retailers and has been used at leading hotels. In 2006 the Smithsonian American Art Museum honored Annieglass by selecting two sculptural pieces. Guests will enjoy a guided tour and see artists at work as well as have the opportunity to shop. *Bus leaves promptly at 10:30 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*

**SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers    No. 45882    Sunday, July 29**

**\$98 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long walk to seats from bus; stairs.**

What better way to spend a day than to see the Giants take on their arch-rivals, the Dodgers, at AT&T Park in San Francisco. We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore the area and purchase food before the game begins at 1:05 PM. We will be dropped off at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to our lower box seats located in a shaded area by left field. Please note: Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes. *Bus leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

**Tachi Palace Casino    No. 46169    Thursday, August 2**

**\$40 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 1/2 hour drive with rest stop; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino is situated in the heart of the South Valley in Lemoore and features a full-size casino. You can play the slots or table games, and take a break to enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants on the premises. The Coyote Grill offers daily Senior Menu Specials with menu items under \$10. Casino Bonus: \$10 Tachi cash and \$5 food credit. Due to

the length of the drive, there will be a 30-minute rest stop each way. *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 7:00 PM.*

**Wonders of Big Sur      No. 461730      Tuesday, August 7**  
**\$109 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 hour drive; small amount of walking on even ground at various locations. Wear comfortable walking shoes, dress in layers.**

It's the invisible, background details – the behind the scenes planning that transforms a good tour into a truly extraordinary experience. We'll be joined by local step-on-guide, naturalist, and Big Sur enthusiast, Gael Gallagher, for an exceptional day tour as we travel along a magnificent segment of the California coastline that stretches from the crest of the Santa Lucia Mountains to the mesmerizing Pacific. Exceptionally scenic stops and captivating commentary complements this journey along "one of the most beautiful highways in the world." The day will include a hosted lunch at Rocky Point Restaurant, the only ocean-front restaurant in Monterey County where diners watch for spouting whales and discover sea lions, otters, and pelicans. The lunch will include a choice of Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Lighthouse Burger, or Vegetarian Cheese Quesadilla, a soft drink or coffee, and sherbet dessert. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

**Les Misérables      No. 46027      Wednesday, August 15**  
**\$108 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long period of sitting.**

Les Misérables has improved with age as you will see from our orchestra seating at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. This new 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of the legendary musical brings glorious new staging and dazzling re-imagined scenery, inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, to the stage. The magnificent score includes classic songs such as "I Dreamed A Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," and "Do You Hear the People Sing." Victor Hugo's epic story about the survival of the human spirit lives on in this spectacular production that has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences, and breaking box office records wherever it goes. *Bus leaves promptly at 12:00 PM and returns at approximately 7:00 PM.*

**Up on the Roof      No. 46171      Tuesday, August 21**  
**\$75 per person**

**Activity level: HIGH – approx. 1 hour drive; periods of walking and standing at each stop. Wear comfortable walking shoes; dress in layers.**

Visit some of the rooftop gardens in San Francisco on this special guided tour by well known San Francisco tour guide Craig Smith. Stops will include Crocker Rooftop Park, Yerba Buena Gardens, Hines Building Rooftop Garden, Embarcadero Center, and Fairmont Hotel Rooftop Garden. Price includes hosted lunch at Pompei's Grotto. Entrée choices are Shrimp Louie, Chicken Piccata, White Fish, Prawn & Pasta Gamberetti, and Vegetarian. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:45 AM and returns at 5:00 PM.*

**Cache Creek      No.46781      Tuesday, August 28**  
**\$40 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.**

Try your luck at Cache Creek Indian Casino in the City of Brooks. You'll have approximately 5 hours to gamble and enjoy a no-host lunch at one of the many restaurants on the premises. Your lunch options will include the Tuesday buffet offering a wide array of food choices at an affordable price. You will receive a casino bonus of \$10 match play and a \$5 food credit. Please note: The food credit cannot be used for the buffet. Remember to bring your Cache Club membership card for added bonuses and a Govt. issued photo ID in order to collect and receive any bonuses or winnings. (Refund packages are subject to change without notice). *Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

**Day In Monterey    No. 46782    Tuesday, September 4**

**\$42 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – long periods of sitting, walking, and standing.**

It's time to go "play" in Monterey. The motor coach will drop us off near the Monterey Bay Aquarium. You will have approximately 5 hours to do what you please. Whether it be visiting the aquarium to see the new jelly fish display, enjoying a leisurely no-host lunch, browsing in the local shops, or looking for bargains at the American Tin Cannery, you will surely have a great time. Please note: Admission to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and lunch are not included in the price of the trip. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM.*

**War Horse    No. 46172    Sunday, September 9**

**\$127 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long period of sitting.**

The National Theatre of Great Britain production of "War Horse" is the most anticipated drama to cross the Atlantic this season. Hailed by the New York Times as "theatrical magic," *War Horse* is the powerful story of a young boy who follows his beloved horse into battle during World War I. Joey, the horse, is caught in enemy crossfire and ends up serving both sides of the war before landing in no man's land. Albert, the young boy, is not old enough to enlist but embarks on a treacherous mission to find his horse and bring him home. What follows is a remarkable tale of courage, loyalty and friendship, told with some of the most innovative stagecraft of our time. *War Horse* is the recipient of six 2011 Tony® Awards, including best play. Don't miss this last performance at the Curran from orchestra seating. *Bus leaves promptly at 12:00 PM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

**Santa Cruz Follies    No. 46783    Thursday, September 13**

**\$79 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator.**

Join us for this annual tradition - the Santa Cruz Follies. This years show, *Copacabana Finale*, will take you back to one of the hottest nightclubs in America. You will hear tunes in the styles of the Rat Pack, Motown, Jazz, and Pop/Rock mixed into this fast-moving production with delightful singing, high stepping dancing, and a few dashes of humor. We'll lunch at the historic Cocoanut Grove before the show. Our hosted meal will include Roasted Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, fresh roasted vegetables, Kelly's bakery rolls and butter, Apricot Chocolate Torte, and coffee or tea. *Bus leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*

**SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres    No. 46784    Sunday, September 23**

**\$72 per person**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive; long walk to seats from bus; stairs.**

It's Fan Appreciation Day at AT&T Park in San Francisco – always a sell out – and we have tickets! Throughout the game there will be prizes galore given to fans sitting in the "lucky" seats. You may be the fan to win the car at the end of the game. We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore and purchase food before the game begins at 1:05 PM. We will be dropped off at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to our lower box seats that are located in a shaded area by left field. Please note: Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes. *Bus leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

**It's important to keep your records current.**

Please contact the Senior Center office to update your profile if any of your personal information has changed.

**Mendocino Getaway No. 46785 Monday, October 15 – Thursday, October 18**  
**Per person: \$794 double occupancy and \$1020 single occupancy**  
**Half the fee due at time of registration; balance due August 15.**

**Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 4 hour drive to first destination with a short stop mid-way. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to travelers prior to the trip.**

Join us as we travel via motor coach to the scenic Mendocino-Fort Bragg coast. On our way we'll make a stop in Boonville for a no host lunch and time to explore the shops and wine tasting rooms of this quaint town. Upon arrival to Mendocino, a local guide will take us on a Historic Walking Tour of the area and we'll visit the Ford House Museum. In the late afternoon we'll check in for a 3-night stay at the Hill House Hotel, the set location for the famous *Murder She Wrote* TV series. The evening will include a "welcome banquet" at the hotel. On our second day we'll visit the Mendocino Botanical Gardens for a guided tour of the magnificent gardens a true jewel of the Mendocino coast. Afterward a local step-on-guide will join the group as we visit MacKerricher State Park which features an expansive new boardwalk completely ADA compliant offering a safe walking path along a breathtaking portion of the coast known for great sea life views. We'll break for a hosted deli lunch and then our guide will take us on a tour of Point Cabrillo Lighthouse. The evening will include waterfront dining at the Cliff House Restaurant. The third day of our adventure we'll take a round trip ride aboard the Skunk Train in Fort Bragg, which includes a delicious BBQ picnic lunch midway. Afterward we'll visit the Fort Bragg Guest House Museum. Our evening at the Hill House Hotel will include a hosted dinner and presentation by a local author who will share stories about the local movie and TV history of the area. On our last day we'll enjoy free time in downtown Mendocino before our return trip home. Price includes deluxe motor coach transportation via Royal Coach Tours, 3-nights hotel accommodations, baggage handling, gratuities, museum and park admissions, history presentation, step-on-guide services, and Skunk Train excursion, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners. *Bus leaves promptly at 8:00 AM on Monday and returns at approximately 6:00 PM on Thursday.*

### **Let's Practice Healthy Eating!**

In support of the Senior Centers focus on healthy eating and the dietary restrictions of some of our travelers, we will provide bottled water only on *Adventures To Go* trips. We encourage you to bring healthy snacks to keep up your energy while traveling.

### **Look What's Coming Fall 2012!**

Golden Gate Bridge Walk

Apple Hill

Beach Blanket Babylon Christmas Show – Sunday, December 9

Trip details and registration information will be in upcoming issues of the  
*Adventures To Go Newsletter.*